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AUTOGRAPH LETTERS

OF PROMINENT MEDICAL & SCIENTIFIC  
MEN OF THE LATE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY,

MAINLY ADDRESSED TO DR. WITHERING

(Author of "An Account of the Foxglove," 1785),

INCLUDING FOUR IMPORTANT

LETTERS by PRIESTLEY;

LETTERS by SIR JOSEPH BANKS,

ERASMUS DARWIN, Dr. JOHN ASH,

JAMES KEIR, and others.

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- 216 **LESLIE** (P. Duguid, M.D.) Philosophical Inquiry into the Cause of Animal Heat, with Observations on several Physiological and Chymical Questions, connected with the Subject. 8vo, *library stamp on several leaves, broken old calf*. 3/-. Lond., 1778.
- 217 **MAN-MIDWIFERY**.—Junonensia; or Women Rescued. A familiar Treatise relating to the Prevalence, Practice, and Evil Tendencies of Man-Midwifery. Sm. 8vo, *cloth*. 4/6. 1838.
- 218 **MATERIA MEDICA**.—FRANCKE (J., M.D.) Castorologia, explicans Castoris animalis naturam et usum medicochemicum, etc. Sm. 8vo, *FIRST EDITION, engraved front., slightly browned copy, old calf, scarce*. 10/6. August. Vind., 1685.  
One of the earliest books published on the use of Castoreum in medicine.
- 219 **MEMOIRS OF A STOMACH**, written by Himself, that all who eat may read, with Notes, by a Minister of the Interior. Cr. 8vo, *orig. cloth*. 3/-. 1853.
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- 223 **TISSOT** (S. A. D., M.D.) Essai sur les Maladies des Gens du Monde. 12mo, *old calf*. 5/6. Paris, 1772.  
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- 224 **TISSOT** (S. A. D., M.D.) L'Onanisme. Dissertation sur les Maladies produites par la Masturbation. 12mo, *old tree calf*. 5/6. Amst., 1775.
- 225 **VACCINATION**.—BELL (Geo., Surgeon) Treatise on the Cow-Pox, . . . the method of communicating that Infection by Inoculation, etc. Post 8vo, 2 *tinted plates, boards*. 6/6. Edin., 1802.



# AUTOGRAPH LETTERS OF PROMINENT MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC MEN OF THE LATE XVIIIth CENTURY.

- 1 **AIKIN** (John, M.D., 1747/1822) A.L.S. to Dr. Withering, 2½ pp., 4to., *upper margins very slightly frayed. Warrington, November 21, 1778.* 15/-.

"I have, . . . imbibed the botanical passion; but whether in a degree that is entitled to the appellation of *furor* I can scarcely tell."

"Our press here is at present fully employed; but I may, perhaps, at some future time, be pleased with engaging in the work of revision you hint at," etc.

- 2 **ALTAMONT** (Dennis Browne, Lord, afterwards Marquis of Sligo) A.L.S. to Dr. Withering when in Lisbon, requesting to be allowed to call upon him for purposes of consultation. 1 page, large 4to. *Lisbon, April 30, 1793.* 6/-

- 3 **ASH** (John, M.D., F.R.S., 1723/1798) *Censor of the College of Physicians in 1789 and 1793.* Long and most interesting A.L.S. to Dr. Withering, 3½ pp., folio. *August 7, 1786.* 42/-.

A Fine letter. The writer who it will be remembered suffered for a time from temporary mental derangement, deals fully in the above letter with his illness and the means he used to obtain relief. The study of Mathematics 12 hours a day, in one month restored him from extreme debility to considerable strength; afterwards he gradually admitted other occupations.

"The train of my Ideas was as far disturbed as to create to myself great misery and unhappiness . . . yet I had never suffered any such absurd connexion in my Ideas as would constitute real Insanity."

"I am determined to add to all your former troubles, and force upon you a minute, exact and faithful Narrative of the History of my case as far as respects the means of relief which I had attempted."

"Mr. Legge furnished me with Horseley's edition of Newton, and . . . further I furnished myself with proper apparatus to form my Diagrams. And on ye 10th of April . . . I was assisted, for weakness, to my Table, stored with these necessary utensils, and tho' labouring at the time under ye most severe pains in my head, within a few hours I perceived some abatement in their violence; and continued this application for some ten or twelve hours at least, every day for a month, and found daily an increase of strength, a return of lively Spirits, and a cool and temperate possession of whatever faculties of mind I ever was possessed of," etc.

- 4 — A.L.S., to the same, with Dr. Withering's reply endorsed on verso of last leaf, 3½ pp., closely written, folio, *margin of last leaf slightly defective where seal has been removed. Brompton, November 10, 1786.* 42/-.

A very fine and most interesting letter. The writer descants in the fullest and most intimate manner on his life and habits, house and surroundings, with some piquant remarks concerning Drs. Arnold and Erasmus Darwin.

"I do not sit down, my much valued and beloved friend, to tell you a melancholy tale of my misery and distress, but to represent to your view . . . the picture of the happiness and tranquility of a sincere and affectionate Friend and Brother."

"since Lady Craven has published ye little Book called 'Letters from a Peeress of England to her Eldest Son' . . . all married People of politeness sleep in 2 Beds at least, if not in 2 Rooms."

"I wrote a letter of thanks to Dr. Darwin . . . he wrote to me, but his Letter contained nothing in answer, but an earnest request to write abt. twenty Letters to my Acquaintance . . . in the neighbourhood of Shrewsbury and a general public Letter for his son to shew; ye latter I complied as far as respected ye education his Father had given him: more I could not say. I unfortunately requested his Publication also: And he nobly refused, but told me by whom it was printed and where I might buy it."

Dr. Withering's reply is also of interest.

"let me advise you not to engage in . . . expence and dissipation, and not to forget the sedate, close thoughted mathematical reasoning which redeemed you from misery, and restored you to your present happy state," etc.

- 5 — A.L.S., to the same, 1 full page, 4to. *Birmingham, March 2, 1775.* Concerning Dr. Withering's settling at Birmingham. 7/6.

- 6 **AYLESFORD** (Lady) A.L.S. to Dr. Withering. 3 pp. 4to. *Packington, December, 1796.* 6/6.

Referring to her drawings and collection of plants, etc.

A.L.S. = "Autograph Letter Signed."



- 7 **BLAGDEN** (Sir Charles, M.D., F.R.S., 1748/1820) *Secretary to the Royal Society, 1784. A.L.S. to Dr. Withering. 2 pp., 4to. Percy Street, May 26th, 1792. 8/6.*

"Whenever your leisure permits, the Royal Society will think themselves greatly favoured by your communications," etc.

- 8 **BOSTOCK** (John, M.D., F.R.S., 1744/1846) *Au'thor of "Sketch of the History of Medicine," and the first writer to give a full description of Hay Fever. A.L.S. to Capt. Withering. 3½ pp., 4to, small portion torn from one leaf where seal was affixed. Liverpool, October 4, 1806. 12/6.*

A long and most interesting letter.

"When I have got my learned dissertation on the blood off the stocks I shall commence an attack in the laboratory, and shall arrange my artillery of retorts, crucibles, etc. . . . and lay siege to some more of the animal fluids," etc.

- 9 **BROWN** (Robert, F.R.S., 1773 / 1858) *Surgeon and Botanist. Interesting A.L.S. to Dr. Withering on Botanical matters. 2 pp., 4to. Edinburgh, January 29, 1797. 12/6.*

"My former communication, has already explained to you, what sort of botanist I am. My necessary avocation will never allow me to be more than a smatterer in this Science . . . my fondness for the study is far greater than my time," etc.

- 10 — A.L.S. to the same. 3 pp., folio. *Bath, November 10, 1798.*  
An interesting letter concerning his botanical researches. 10/6.

- 11 — A.L.S. to the same on Botanical Matters. 3½ pp., folio. *Ballymoney, March 18, 1798. 10/6.*

- 12 — A.L.S. to the same. 1½ pp., 4to. *London, June 15, 1798. 8/6.*

"I have not a single acquaintance here. I shall be highly indebted to you for a Letter to Sr. Joseph Banks and any others you think may be useful."

- 13 — A.L.S. to the same. 2½ pp., 4to. *Edinburgh, October 3, 1791. 8/6.*

Proposing a Botanical Correspondence. An endorsement by Dr. Withering says his offer was "gladly accepted."

- 14 — Interesting A.L.S. to the same on Botanical Matters, etc. 2½ pp., 4to. *London, May 14, 1799. 8/6.*

- 15 **CORREA DE SERRA** (Joseph, 1750–1823) *Botanist and Diplomat, Portugese Minister to U.S.A., 1816–1821. A.L.S. to Dr. Withering. 2½ pp., 4to, London, 13 May, 1796. 25/-.*

A most interesting letter concerning his intention of settling in England (he had been compelled to leave Portugal owing to the revolution there), and devoting the remainder of his life to science entirely.

" . . . the climate agrees perfectly with my constitution, so I believe I will be an inhabitant of your island for my remaining days."

"They have left me what property I had, which I endeavour now to realize in the best manner, and to fund it in England to have it out of the reach of any future paroxysm of malice in Portugal. As I have said an hearty adieu to all ambition, but that of science and peace, there is some probability of happy moments in my future Life," etc.

- 16 — A.L.S. to the same. 4 pp., 4to. *London, 14 June, 1797. 25/-.*

A long, discursive letter, dealing largely with Botanical matters.

"Botany is now all my occupation, but particularly vegetable physiology, and the natural affinity of plants. I feel that my time has been wholly lost in Portugal, and it would have been better for me to have come to England some years before. As to future prospects I have none but that of enjoying my days in peace, far from ambition, and in useful and pleasant pursuits. . . . Things are much mended in Portugal in respect to me since I left it, but whatever be the events, I am determined no more to thrust me to such a raw nation. Between London and Paris I will divide the rest of my Life, long as it may be," etc.

- 17 — A.L.S. to the same. 1½ pp., 4to. *London, 7 October, 1796. 12/6.*

"I visited the eastern part of England, and accompanied Sir Joseph Banks in the visit to the submerged forests in the South of the Humber," etc.

- 18 **DARWIN** (Erasmus, 1731/1802) A.L.S. marked "Private," to Dr. Withering. 3 pp., 4to. *Lichfield, Feb. 25, 1775. 15/-.*

An interesting letter, commenting on the death of Dr. Small, with particulars concerning his income, and suggesting to Dr. Withering the advisability of settling in Birmingham.

"Think in my own mind . . . Birmingham to be . . . the most eligible of any Country Situation but I think no one who has not some philosophical acquirements as well as medical is likely to succeed in it," etc.



- 19 **DARWIN** (Erasmus, 1731/1802) A.L.S. to Dr. Withering. 2 pp., 4to. *Lichfield, March 6, 1775. 10/6.*

With reference to Dr. Withering's settlement at Birmingham.

"Birmingham must be a most eligible place to somebody who can get possession of it," etc.

- 20 **HURD** (Richard, D.D., 1720/1808) *Bishop of Worcester*. A.L.S. to Dr. Withering, advising him with regard to a publisher. 1 page, 4to. *Bloomsbury, April 9, 1776. 7/6.*

"I put your letter, and the specimen of your work, into Mr. Cadell's hands. . . . You cannot employ a more proper person to circulate your book, as he is at the head of his profession," etc.

- 21 **JACKSON** (Hall, M.D.) A.L.S. to Dr. Withering. 6½ pp., 4to. *Portsmouth, New Hampshire, North America, February 9, 1786. 28/-.*

A long and most interesting letter, eulogizing Dr. Withering's Treatise on the Foxglove, with remarks on the prevalence of dropsy in America owing to the excessive consumption of rum by the labouring classes, and requesting a supply of seed in order that the Foxglove might be cultivated in America.

"Our lumber trade to the West-India Islands returns us large quantities of rum, and molasses; of the latter is distilled . . . an inferior cheap kind of rum . . . a common labourer may receive five quarts of this new, strong, and fiery spirit, for a short day's work."

"could I be so fortunate as to obtain . . . a small quantity of the genuine seed, the Plant should be most attentively cultivated, most carefully prepared, and as opportunities will not be wanting to administer it; the most accurate observations remarks on its operation and effects," etc.

- 22 **KEIR** (James, F.R.S., 1735-1820) *Chemist*. **JOHN WHITEHURST**, F.R.S., 1713-1788, *Horologer*. **SIR JOSEPH BANKS**, 1743-1820. *President of the Royal Society*. In all 9 letters. Price for the collection £4 4s.

Correspondence between the above during February, 1780 concerning "Keir's Metal" and its rejection after trial by the Admiralty. This metal, which was malleable hot or cold, was offered by its inventor to the Government as a substitute for copper for the purpose of ship-bolts, rudder-braces, etc. Keir was under the impression from what Whitehurst wrote him that his non-success with the Government was due to Sir Joseph Banks' intervention, and the present correspondence ensued. The collection comprises the following Autograph Letters—

**BANKS** (Sir Joseph) 2 Rough Drafts of Letters to Whitehurst, one signed, the other unsigned, 2 pp., 2½ pp., 4to.

**KEIR** (James) 4 A.L.S. to Sir Joseph Banks, together with another to the same incomplete, 4 pp., 8 pp., 2½ pp., 2 pp., 4to., and 4 pp., 4to. The latter, although incomplete is a most interesting letter, dealing fully with the metal and its properties, an account of the trials made with it at Deptford, etc.

**WHITEHURST** (John) 2 A.L.S. to the same, 1 pp., 3 pp., 4to.

- 23 **NOTT** (John, M.D., 1751/1823) *Physician and Classical Scholar*. A.L.S. to Dr. Withering. 2 pp., 4to. (closely written). *Bristol Hotwells, September 19, 1793. 8/6.*

Refers to his forthcoming treatise on the Bristol Waters, the presence of silica in the Clifton spring, the treatment of Diabetes, etc.

- 24 **PRIESTLEY** (Dr. Joseph, 1733/1804) A.L.S. to Dr. Withering. 3 pp., folio, with seal, small portion torn from margin of one leaf, where seal was affixed. *Clapton, April 11, 1793. £6 10s.*

A very fine letter of exceptional interest, in which Dr. Priestley states his intention of proceeding to America, and refers to the State of France, his scientific experiments, etc.

"I wish the country was in a better state . . . but it is far otherwise, at least with regard to myself, and those who have generally hoped for the friends of liberty. Such is the spirit of bigotry encouraged by the Court party, that great numbers are going to America, and among others all my sons; and my intention is that, when they are settled, to follow them, and end my days there."

"I cannot yet learn what the French Philosophers object to in my last Paper . . . so that I think with you that their *charbon* or *hydrogene*, will prove to be nothing more than another name for *phlogiston*. Still, however, the question will be whether either of them is contained in *metals*, or make an essential part of *water*."

"We have no intercourse now with France, and whether my son Wm. has been able to leave it, and go to America, I cannot learn. Indeed the prospect is very melancholy. The conduct of the French has been such as their best friends cannot approve; but certainly the present combination against them, which does not appear to have any other object than the restoration of the old arbitrary government, is as little to be justified," etc.



- 25 **PRIESTLEY** (Dr. Joseph, 1733/1804) A.L.S. to the same, 3 pp., 4to., slightly defective where seal has been removed. Clapton, October 22, 1793. £4.

A very interesting letter. He complains of his treatment by the Royal Society and again states his intention of proceeding to America. There are also some references to experiments he had been making regarding the relation of Water to Air.

"As to the *Royal Society*, I see myself regarded in so unfavourable a light by the most considerable members of it, that I never go near them" . . .

"I have now almost replaced my apparatus, and begin to be as busy in my Laboratory as usual, tho' I fear I must break up once more to remove to America, whither all my sons are gone already. In the course of a few weeks . . . I hope to have completed some experiments I am making on the relation of *Water to Air*. . . In these different processes *Air seems* to be producible from pure water by means of heat, without limits, and the air so produced is better than common air" . . . etc.

- 26 — A.L.S. to the same, 3 pp., 4to., with seal. Clapton, October 2, 1792. £3 10s.

A long and interesting letter in which he refers to the destruction of his books by the Birmingham rioters, the coldness of his philosophical friends in London, his intention to write something on Phlogiston, etc.

. . . "One of the things that I regret the most in being expelled from Birmingham, is the loss of your company, and that of the rest of the Lunar Society" . . .

"My philosophical friends here are cold and distant. Mr. Cavendish never expressed the least concern on account of anything that I had suffered. . . I do not expect to have much intercourse with any of them" . . .

"I believe, I shall some time hence follow my son to France" . . .

- 27 — A.L.S. to Mr. Lee (*Attorney at Law, Birmingham*) 1 full page, 4to. Clapton, March 13, 1792. 42/-.

Requesting Mr. Lee to interview certain persons with a view to their giving evidence at the Assizes, as regards the destruction of Priestley's household goods, books and instruments, by the mob who burnt his house.

- 28 **SWEDIAUR** (P., M.D.) A.L.S. to Dr. Withering. 2½ pp., closely written, slightly defective where seal has been removed. Port Seton, 4 November, 1788. 28/-.

Very interesting letter, including many remarks on current scientific topics, also stating that Benjamin Franklin had benefitted from Dr. Withering's treatment.

"I had a medical consultation the other day abt. a stone in the bladder, the patient is a gentleman. . . I mentioned to him at the same time that Dr. Franklin had consulted you and had to my certain knowledge, been greatly relieved, when I saw him at Paris last, from your advice, but that I knew not what medicine you advised him to take, I recollect you told me when last at Birm. that you expected a letter from Franklin abt. his complaint" . . .

"My friend Mr. Bertholet at Paris is making excellent gun-powder with the marine acid saturated with dephlogisticated air—I hear the first experiments turned out extremely satisfactory" etc.

- 29 **THUNBERG** (Carl Peter) *Famous Botanist, Professor of Botany at Upsala; pupil and successor of Linnaeus*. A.L.S. (in French) to Dr. Withering, concerning botanical specimens lost in transit. 1 page, 4to. Upsala, 29 January, 1796. 8/6.

- 30 **WALPOLE** (Robert) *Clerk to Privy Council, and Envoy to Portugal*. A.L.S., introducing Lord Altamont to Dr. Withering's notice. 1 page, 4to. Libson, 30 April, 1793. 4/6.

- 31 **WILKINS** (Sir Charles, F.R.S., 1749–1830) *Distinguished Oriental Scholar, "Princeps literaturæ Sanscritæ."* A.L.S. to Sir Joseph Banks, 3½ closely written pp., 4to., very slightly damaged, a narrow strip having been cut from inner margins, slightly affecting several words. [Hawkhurst, December 2, 1794. 18/-.

A most interesting letter. The writer desires Sir Joseph Banks to bring to the notice of the Government, a new method of telegraphy which he has invented, and expresses his ambition to become "the King's Telegrapher."



# MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC & SURGICAL BOOKS

- 31a **BEAUMONT** (William, M.D., Surgeon in the U.S. Army) Experiments and Observations on the Gastric Juice, and the Physiology of Digestion. First Edition. 8vo, woodcuts, several leaves slightly spotted, new half morocco. £3 10s. Plattsburgh, printed by F. P. Allen, 1833.

The record of the author's classic observations made in the case of Alexis St. Martin. Dr. Beaumont writes in his Preface:—"I had opportunities for the examination of the interior of the stomach, and its secretions [by means of a permanent aperture remaining after a gunshot wound] which have never before been so fully offered to any one. This most important organ, its secretions and its operations, have been submitted to my observation in a very extraordinary manner, in a state of perfect health, and for years in succession."

This book takes rank with the great English medical monographs—beside Withering's Account of the Foxglove, and Fothergill on Sore-Throat. The First Edition is now extremely rare. Not in the British Museum.

- 32 **ABERNETHY** (John, F.R.S.) Surgical Observations on the Constitutional Origin and Treatment of Local Diseases, and of Aneurisms. 8vo, hf. roan. 3/6. 1825.
- 33 **AGLAND** (Henry W., M.D.) Letter to Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., on the Formation of the Initiative Board in the University of Oxford. 8vo, 18 pp., unbound. 2/6. Oxon, 1854.
- 34 **ALCHEMY.**—Hermippus Redivivus; or the Sage's Triumph over Old Age and the Grave, etc. (by J. H. COHAUSEN, translated by Dr. John Campbell), 8vo, title cut round and mounted, new boards. 4/6. Lond., 1744.
- 35 **ALCHEMY.**—LULLY (Raymond) Libelli aliquot Chemic, Nunc primum, excepto Vade mecum, in lucem Opera Doctoris Toxixae editi. Sm. 8vo, names written on title, marginal notes on several pages, and a number of leaves lightly stained, old limp vellum, RARE. 25/- Basileæ, 1572.
- Includes his Testamentum novissimum; Vade mecum; Compendium de transmutatione animæ metallorum; Medicina magna; Demogorgon, etc.
- 36 **ANALYTICAL ETHNOLOGY;** the Mixed Tribes in Gt. Britain and Ireland examined, and the Political, Physical and Metaphysical Blunderings on the Celt and the Saxon exposed, by R. T. MASSY, M.D. Fcap. 8vo, plates, orig. cloth. 4/6. 1855.
- 37 **ARMSTRONG** (Alex., M.D., R.N.) Observations on Naval Hygiene and Scurvy, more particularly as the latter appeared during a Polar Voyage. 8vo, orig. cloth. 5/- 1858.
- 38 **ARMSTRONG** (John, M.D.) The Art of Preserving Health. A Poem. Sm. 8vo, unbound. 3/- Lond., 1754.
- 39 **ARMSTRONG** (John, M.D.) The Art of Preserving Health. A Poem. Sm. 8vo, 72 pp., unbound. 2/- Dublin, 1756.
- 40 **ARMSTRONG** (J., M.D.) The Art of Preserving Health. To which is prefixed a Critical Essay on the Poem, by J. AIKIN, M.D. 12mo, plates by Stothard, old half calf. 3/6. 1795.
- 41 **AUTOBIOGRAPHY** of SAMUEL D. GROSS, M.D., with Sketches of his Contemporaries. 2 vols, 8vo, portraits, orig. cloth. 7/6. Philadelphia, 1887.
- 42 **BABINGTON** (Wm., M.D.) and **CURRY** (Jas., M.D.) Outlines of a Course of Lectures on the Practice of Medicine, delivered in the Medical School of Guy's Hospital. 8vo, interleaved copy, with numerous MS. notes, wants frontispiece, shabby quarter calf. 7/6. Lond., 1802-6.
- 43 **BAKER** (Henry) An Invocation of Health. A Poem. Folio, 8 pp., unbound. 4/6. Lond., 1723.
- 44 **[(BAKER (Rev. T.))** Reflections upon Learning, wherein is shewn the Insufficiency thereof in its several Particulars, etc. 8vo, old calf. 3/6. Lond., 1708.
- Contains a chapter on "Physick."
- 45 **BALDNESS.**—TRUEFITT (H. P.) New Views on Baldness; being a Treatise on the Hair and Skin. Cr. 8vo, orig. cloth. 4/- 1863.
- 46 **BAYNARD** (Edward, M.D.) Health. A Poem, shewing how to Procure, Preserve and Restore it. To which is annex'd the Doctor's Decade. 8vo, old half calf, scarce. 6/- Lond., 1736.
- 47 **BINNS** (Edward, M.D.) The Anatomy of Sleep; or the Art of procuring sound and refreshing Slumber at Will. Post 8vo, orig. cloth. 4/6. 1842.



- 48 **BIOGRAPHY**.—Life and Correspondence of ANDREW COMBE, *M.D.*, by GEO. COMBE. 8vo, *portrait, orig. cloth.* 4/6. 1850.
- 49 **BIOGRAPHY**.—Memoirs of the Life and Scientific Researches of JOHN DALTON, by W. C. HENRY, *M.D.* 8vo, *portrait, orig. cloth.* 3/6. *Cavendish Society*, 1854.
- 50 **BIOGRAPHY**.—Memoirs of MARSHALL HALL, *M.D.*, *F.R.S.*, by His Widow. 8vo, *portrait, library stamp on title, orig. cloth.* 5/6. 1861.
- 51 **BIOGRAPHY**.—Mémorial of the late JAMES HOPE, *M.D.*, *Physician to St. George's Hospital*, by MRS. HOPE. 8vo, *portrait, orig. cloth.* 3/6. 1848.
- 52 **BIOGRAPHY**.—LEY (J. W.) From Youth Onwards; or, Recollections and Escapades of a Doctor. Cr. 8vo, *portrait, orig. cloth.* 2/6. *N.D.*
- 53 **BLACKRIE** (Alex.) Disquisition on Medicines that dissolve the Stone, in which Dr. Chittick's Secret is Considered and Discovered, in Two Parts. Sm. 8vo, 208 pp., *unbound.* 4/6. *Lond.*, 1771.
- 54 **BOERHAAVE** (Hermann, *M.D.*) *Tractatus de Viribus Medicamentorum . . . novisque Annotationibus et Additamentis locupletiorum fecit BENEDICTUS BOUDON, M.D.* 12mo, 4 ll., *very slightly wormed, broken old calf.* 5/-. *Paris*, 1740.
- 55 **BOULTON** (Richard) *Physico-Chyrurgical Treatises of the Gout, the King's Evil, and the Lues Venerea . . . To which is added of the Reasons of Intermitting Fevers, and the Effects of the Cortex Peru, etc.* 8vo, *old calf, scarce.* 10/6. *Lond.*, 1714.
- 56 **BRADLEY** (T., *M.D.*) *Treatise on Worms, and other Animals which infest the Human Body, with the most speedy, safe, and pleasant Means of Cure.* Tall 12mo, 3 plates, *orig. hf. binding.* 3/-. 1813.
- 57 **BUCHAN** (W., *M.D.*) *Observations concerning the Prevention and Cure of the Venereal Disease, with an Appendix containing a List of the most approved Medicines now used in the Cure of this Disorder, etc.* 8vo, *old calf.* 6/-. *Lond.*, 1797.
- 58 **CHESHIRE** (John, *M.B.*) *Treatise upon the Rheumatism, as well Acute as Chronical, with Observations upon the various Causes, and a Method of Cure.* 8vo, *old calf, scarce.* 8/6. *Lond.*, 1735.
- 59 **CHEYNE** (George, *M.D.*) *The English Malady; or a Treatise of Nervous Diseases of all kinds, as Spleen, Vapours, Hypochondriacal, and Hysterical Distempers, etc.* 8vo, *old calf.* 4/6. *Lond.*, 1733.
- 60 **CHOLERA**.—Reports on the Epidemic Cholera which has raged throughout Hindostan and the Peninsula of India, since August, 1817. 8vo, *old calf gilt, joints cracked.* 6/-. *Bombay*, 1819.
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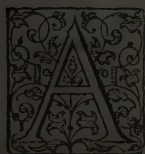


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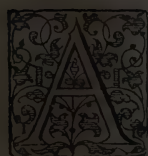
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Dr. Withering's reply is also of interest.

. . . "let me advise you not to engage in . . . expence and dissipation, and not to forget the sedate, close thoughted mathematical reasoning which redeemed you from misery, and restored you to your present happy state," etc.

- 5 — A.L.S., to the same, 1 full page, 4to. Birmingham, March 2, 1775. Concerning Dr. Withering's settling at Birmingham. 7/6.

- 6 **AYLESFORD** (Lady) A.L.S. to Dr. Withering. 3 pp. 4to. Packington, December, 1796. 6/6.

Referring to her drawings and collection of plants, etc.

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- 7 **BLAGDEN** (Sir Charles, M.D., F.R.S., 1748/1820) *Secretary to the Royal Society*, 1784. A.L.S. to Dr. Withering. 2 pp., 4to. *Percy Street, May 26th, 1792.* 8/6.

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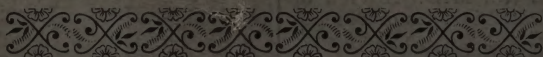
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